

Installation of Forge Plant

162 SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi)—Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) when the erection of forge plant was finalised, and at what stage it is now :

(b) whether the erection of forge plant has been completed or whether it is under negotiations :

(c) whether it is a fact that an officer had gone abroad to finalise the deal regarding the purchase of forge plant during 1974-75 1975-76, if so, the expenditure incurred on such trips :

(d) the original estimated cost of the plant (estimated by Dastur and Company) and the present increased cost :

(e) the names of the firms who quoted the rates for erection of forge plant ;

(f) whether the concerned Director has to visit any foreign country in this connection ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs)

(a) The Public Investment Board, Government of India, approved the installation of the Forge Shops at a capital cost of Rs. 13 45 crores on 17th March, 1975.

Orders have been placed for all the major equipments—both imported and indigenous—required for the Forge Shop. The erection of the building has been taken up from June 1976. Out of 1 500 tonne steel structures required, about 1 255 tonnes have so far been fabricated and 486 tonnes erected.

(b) The erection of the plant is under progress and is expected to be completed in September 1977.

(c) A team of officers from MECOX and Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited went abroad in 1974-75 to discuss the technology and engineering aspects relating to the Forge Plant and Optimisation Scheme. In 1975-76 the Managing Director and Vice-Chairman and officer from V I S.L. went abroad to finalise (i) KFW loan agreement and (ii) continuation of collaboration agreement with M/s Boblers for the forge shop. This opportunity was taken to visit some of the plants and discuss with the suppliers of equipment regarding performance and capacities of the equipments planned for the forge

shop. No purchase contracts were signed during these trips. The following expenditure, including on travel, was incurred for the trips.—

1974-75	...	3 Officer + M.D.	...	Rs. 80,245
1975-76	...	1 Officer + M.D.	...	Rs. 55,372

(d) No estimates by Dastur and Company had been prepared. The original estimated cost in June 1972, according to the feasibility report of M/s. MECON was Rs. 8.8 crores. This was revised to Rs. 13.45 crores in March, 1975 for which the approval of PIB, Government of India was obtained. The present estimated cost of the forge Plant is Rs. 16.65 crores.

(e) Tenders were called for the erection of steel structures and the names of the firms who have quoted are as follows;—

1. M/s. Steelmag, Bangalore.
2. M/s. Vijay Engineering and trading Company Bangalore.
3. M/s. Industrial and Agricultural Engineering Company Madras.
4. M/s. Pioneer Erectors, Madras.
5. M/s. K. Ningaiah, Bhadravathi.
6. M/s. Mallika Enterprises, Madras.
7. M/s. Mansfield Oil Gas Company Limited Madras.
8. M/s. L. S. Purushotham and H. Ramaswamy, Bangalore.

The contract for erection of structures has been awarded to M/s. Steelmag, Bangalore.

(f) It may be necessary for the Managing Director and Vice-Chairman to visit foreign countries in this connection in future also.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR—In reply to (d) it is stated that the original estimated cost according to the report of M/s. MECON was Rs. 8.8 crores and now it is estimated at Rs. 16.65 crores. By the time we finalise the Forge Plant, may I know what will be the cost of the plant?

† SRI S. M. KRISHNA—That is hypothetical question for which I am unable to answer. It depends on the foreign exchange. The loan component in this project is to the tune of Rs. 5 crores. It all depends on exchange rate interest rate. Bank rate and so many other things. I am unable to say what exactly will be the estimate. I can only answer as on date.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDAS ANWAR—It was [estimated four times. Now in the present circumstance this amount is not enough. Will you enhance the amount to Rs. 20 crores ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA—There are big projects wherein foreign exchange is involved. It has to be cleared by the Public Investment Board of the Government of India. So, whenever there is revision of estimates it has to go before them. But as on today I do not know whether there is any need for the estimate to be further revised. If there are certain developments which are beyond our control then it must have to be revised. I must commend the officers of the V.I.S.L. works. They hope execute project by October 1977.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDAS ANWAR—May I know whether you have given to the lowest tenderer ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA—I do not believe in giving to lowest tenders as a matter of policy. We will have to go into their technical competence also.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN—You have said that these officers had gone abroad for discussing collaboration. Is it not a fact that there have been some criticisms earlier about this particular company Bohlers and what were the reasons that impelled the Government to send the officers again to the same people for continuation of the agreement ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA—This foreign collaborations are cleared by the Government of India. So, they would have gone into all these things. The hon. member also knows that in this company the Government of India also has put in its shares. In the first trip three officers of MECON who are consultants had sent their representatives at their own cost.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDAS ANWAR—The purchase contract has still to be signed. You have said orally that it may be necessary for the Managing Director to go. Are you thinking of sending the entire team or only the Managing Director ? It may be necessary to send the team.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA—The Hon. member knows that our officers have made only two trips. But the collaborators have come here about 10 to 15 times. It all depends on the exigencies of circumstances. I do not think we need go into details. If the situation demands we have to send our officers.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN—You said that the Government of India has to clear the collaboration agreement because the Government of India has share. The Karnataka Government has also share.

Are you not having any say? If you feel that the earlier collaboration agreement has come into criticism is it not your responsibility to point out and see that some reconsideration is done?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA—Amongst a number of proposals received for collaboration we thought of entering into some sort of agreement with M/s Bohlens who are most ideal.

1-30 P.M.

Reserve posts of teachers in single teacher schools.

181. SRI B. M. HORAKERE (Guledgud).—Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that there are a number of primary schools in remotest part of rural areas in the State having single teachers ;

(b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made in such single Teachers' Schools for posting reserve posts of teachers when such single teacher proceeds on leave for more than a week ;

(c) if not, the arrangement made for teaching in such primary schools during the leave period of these single teachers ?

SRI MALLIKARJON KHARGE (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education) :—

(a) Yes.

(b) There is no provision for posting such leave reserves.

(c) A teacher from nearby multiteacher school is deputed to run the school whenever a teacher of a Single teacher school proceeds on leave for more than a week.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಹೊರಕೇರಿ — ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರು ಒಂದು ವಾರಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ರಜವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡರೆ ಬೇರೆಯವರನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಲ್ಟಿಟೀಚರ್ಸ್ ಇರುವ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಆ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನ ಖಾರ್ಗೆ.— ಒಂದು ವಾರಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರು ರಜದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋದರೆ ರಿಮೋಟ್ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳು ಸಫರ್ ಆಗಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ಮಲ್ಟಿಟೀಚರ್ಸ್ ಇರುವ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಇಂತಹ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದಲೂ ಅಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಹೊರಕೇರಿ.— ಬಿಚಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಮುಂದುವರಿದ ನಗರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ವ್ವೈಸ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಈ ರಜದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಏಕೆ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರು ಇರುವ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಹಾಕಲಾ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?